

House Resolution 118 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

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1 A Resolution to commemorate the construction and
2 opening of the new Kate Shelley high bridge and to
3 recognize March 9, 2010, as Railroad Day in Iowa.
4 WHEREAS, the original Kate Shelley high bridge is
5 the namesake of Kate Shelley, who in 1881 as a young
6 woman risked her life crossing a shattered bridge on a
7 stormy night to warn of an approaching locomotive, thus
8 averting a tragedy and creating a legend that endures
9 to this day; and

10 WHEREAS, built in 1901, the original Kate Shelley
11 high bridge was the longest and most wondrous railway
12 bridge in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, for over 100 years, the bridge, itself
14 an engineering marvel, brought commerce, employment
15 opportunities and prosperity to the people of central
16 Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, the promise, prosperity, and progress that
18 the original Kate Shelley high bridge brought to Iowa
19 has now been renewed with the completion of the new
20 Kate Shelley high bridge; and

21 WHEREAS, the new Kate Shelley high bridge is one
22 of North America's tallest double-track railroad
23 bridges; and

24 WHEREAS, the bridge, which spans the Des Moines
25 River, is more than 2,800 feet long and 190 feet
26 high, and represents an investment of more than \$50
27 million; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That

1 the House of Representatives honors those remarkable
2 twin bridges, the original and the new Kate Shelley
3 high bridge, and recognizes Tuesday, March 9, 2010, as
4 Railroad Day in Iowa.